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Dear Education Leader:

Every year, Members of Congress are allowed to display one piece of artwork by a high school student from their district in the U.S. Capitol for one year. I hold an annual judged art competition to select which art from the 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District receives this honor.

In order to reduce out of pocket expenses for students, **entries are not required to be framed, only matted.** Please note each student is limited to one submission. In addition, work must be original in concept. **Copies of copyrighted work will not be accepted.**

I encourage you to distribute copies of this information at will and encourage your high school students to enter. Students who apply must submit their entry with two copies of a completed release form.

The Asia Pacific Cultural Center will be accepting entries for my office week days between 1 pm and 4 pm between Monday, February 23 to Friday, March 20 or by prior arrangement by calling Phil Chang, Executive Director, at (253) 383-3900.

The Asia Pacific Cultural Center is located at 934 Broadway, Ste 5, Tacoma, WA 98402. **All artwork must be received by 5:00 pm on March 20, 2009.**

Entries for the 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional Art Contest will be on display at Tacoma Art Museum located at 1701 Pacific Avenue, Tacoma during the month of April. Due to space limitations, it may not be possible to display all work.

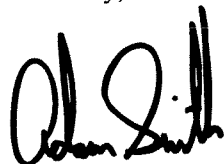
The winner of the competition will be announced at the Art Exhibition and Reception on **Saturday, May 2, 2009 at 1:00 pm** at Tacoma Art Museum. Tacoma Art Museum has graciously offered to waive admission for contest entrants, their families, their teacher, and sponsors. If you are interested in attending this reception, please RSVP by Wednesday, April 29, 2009 to Arif Jamal at (253) 593-6600 or email: [OfficeAssistantWA09@mail.house.gov](mailto:OfficeAssistantWA09@mail.house.gov).

The selected student will win prizes and be invited to attend the national reception for a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Wednesday, June 24, 2009 in Washington, DC. Three round-trip airline tickets are donated for travel to DC. The winning entry will be displayed in the Cannon tunnel of the U.S. Capitol for one year.

If you have any questions please contact Ms. Tina Johnson at (253) 896-3775 by February 27, after March 2 at (253) 593-6600 or email: [tina.johnson@mail.house.gov](mailto:tina.johnson@mail.house.gov).

Thank you for your service to our students.

Sincerely,



Adam Smith  
Member of Congress  
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